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1. PREFECT OF TRAPANI PROVINCE INFORMED US JANUARY 19 THAT GOI
HAD RECENTLY ISSUED REGULATION SUBJECTING PURCHASE BY FOREIGNERS
OF LAND ON ITALIAN ISLANDS TO REVIEW BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES.
PREFECT SAID THREE HOTELS WHICH LIBYANS HAD PURCHASED ON PANTELLERIA,
TRAPANI PROVINCE, WERE NOT AFFECTED SINCE LIBYANS HAD ACQUIRED
THEM BEFORE NEW REGULATION WAS ISSUED. HOWEVER, LAND RECENTLY
PURCHASED BY LIBYANS NEAR TO ISLAND'S AIRPORT WOULD BE SUBJECT
TO GOI REVIEW. PREFECT SAID GOI HAD IMPOSED NEW REGULATIONS WITH
LIBYANS SPECIFICALLY IN MIND.

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2. PREFECT SAID LIBYAN CONSUL GENERAL IN PALERMO HAD VISITED HIM
SOME TIME AGO SEEKING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TRAPANI PROVINCE.
ALTHOUGH PREFECT SUGGESTED OTHER MORE PROMISING TOURIST VENTURES,
LIBYANS EXPRESSED SPECIFIC PREFERENCE FOR PANTELLERIA AND ULTIMATELY
MADE ABOVE PURCHASES THERE. LIBYANS ALSO REPORTEDLY INTERESTED IN
LAND PURCHASE ON ISLAND OF FAVIGNANA NEAR TRAPANI. DISQUIETING,
BUT HOPEFULLY UNRELATED, FACTOR IS GOI DETENTION IN FAVIGNANA
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PRISON OF A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF EXTRA-
PARLIAMENTARY TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.)

3. PREFECT ALSO SAID THAT PROSPECTIVE LIBYAN-ITALIAN JOINT
VENTURE IN FISHING FLEET AT MAZZARA DEL VALLO, ALSO IN TRAPANI
PROVINCE, HAD NOT BEEN REALIZED.
4. PREFECT CONFIRMED THAT, AS ELSEWHERE, LIBYANS HAD BEEN ACTIVE
IN TRAPANI, BUT HAD SO FAR FEW CONCRETE RESULTS TO SHOW FOR THEIR

EFFORTS - A SITUATION WHICH LIBYAN CONSUL GENERAL HAS LAMENTED
BOTH PERSONALLY REF. B) AND IN OCCASIONAL INSPIRED ARTICLES IN
PALERMO'S PCI - LINING L'ORA.
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